# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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INTRODUCTION OF VOCATIONAL COURSES IN A & N ISLANDS
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the date by which the vocational courses have been introduced in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands;

(b) the number of students benefited under the scheme "Vocational Education" − Scheme No.8 with an annual plan outlay of Rs.192.95 lakhs for the 9th Plan period;

(c) the vocational courses so far introduced with an expenditure of Rs.39.87 lakhs stated to have been spent upto 1999-2000;

(d) whether any new courses have been introduced;

(e) if so, the details of expenditure incurred thereon;

(f) whether any survey was conducted in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands to ascertain the need for vocational courses selected before procuring equipment; and

(g) if so, the details in this regard alongwith the reasons for not starting the courses?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR.VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) Vocational courses started in A&N Islands in the year 1990-91 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocational Education.

(b) A total of 218 students have benefited under the scheme of Vocational Education.

(c) The course of Secretarial Practice is being implemented so far. The course of Horticulture and Marine Fisheries introduced earlier have been stopped due to poor response from the students

(d) Information Technology Applications has been introduced during 2002-03. It is proposed to introduce job oriented vocational courses in phased manner in IT, Marketing and Travel & Tourism as per the demand

(e) Expenditure involved was Rs.6.78 lakhs for the introduction of course of IT Applications. During the 10th Plan a provision of Rs.45 lakhs has been kept by the UT Administration

(f) During September and October, 2002 a survey was conducted to estimate the number of students interested in taking up vocational courses.

(g)A detailed survey was conducted in 2002 and a total of 2664 Students were found interested in taking up vocational courses. On the basis of the survey it is proposed to introduce more courses according to the felt needs.